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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: EXPANSION OF COPPER SMELTING AND
REFINING CIRCUITS AT LA OROYA

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1. THE GOVERNMENT OWEND MINING INTERPRISE CENTROMIN-PERU IS,
AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, CONDUCTING SEVERAL EXPANSION AND
MODERNIZATION PROJECTS. ONE OF THESE PROJECTS COVERS EXTENSIVE
MODIFICATIONS OF COPPER SMELTING AND REFINING CIRCUITS AT LA
OROYA INVOLVING AN ESTIMATED INVESTMENT OF \$85.6 MILLION.
PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE SMELTER AND REFINERY CAPACITIES
FROM 58,000 MT/YEAR TO 73,000 MT/YEAR WITH CORRESPONDING
INCREASES IN PRODUCTION OF BY-PRODUCTS.

EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION INCLUDES FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:
SMELTER: EXTENSION OF THE COPPER POCKET; REHABILITATION OF WEDGE
TYPE ROASTERS; REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CALCINE CARS; UPRATING
REVERBERATORY FURNACES; EXTENSION OF CONVERTER AISLE BUILDING;
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRE-REFINING AND ANODE CASTING PLANT,
COMPRISING TWO ROTARY ANODE FURNACES, AUTOMATIC POURING AND
WEIGHING FACILITIES, AND ANODE WHEEL AND BOSHCOOLING
SYSTEM; IMPROVEMENT OF SLAG HANDLING FACILITIES.

REFINERY: THIS IS THE SECOND PHASE OF THE EXPANSION PROGRAM
(THE FIRST PHASE, DESIGNED TO PRODUCE CATHODE COPPER FROM
BLISTER ANODES, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION), WHICH ALLOWS FOR

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ELECTRO-REGINING OF FLAT SET ANODES IN ALREADY CONSTRUCTED

ELECTROLYTIC CELLS. THIS COMPRISES IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES IN THE TANKHOUSE, INSTALLATION OF A NEW ELECTROLYTE CIRCULATING SYSTEM, MODIFICATIONS TO THE DUMP MECHANISM AT BOSH TANK AND THE TAIL END OF THE INSPECTION CONVEYOR IN THE COPPER CASTING PLANT, IMPROVEMENT OF WATER COOLING FACILITIES, AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW HOLDING FURNACE. FEASIBILITY STUDY OF OVERALL PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN JANUARY 1976 BY SELTRUST ENGINEERING LTD. OF LONDON. THE STUDY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE FIRMS PRESENTING BIDS.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT, CENTROMIN IS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING BEST QUALIFIED U.S. CONSULTING FIRMS SPECIALIZED IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

A) PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

B) ENGINEERING DESIGN, INCLUDING PREPARATION OF BASIC ENGINEERING AND SUPERVISION OF DETAIL ENGINEERING

C) PROCUREMENT AND FOLLOW-UP

D) CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

INTERESTED FIRMS ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT THEIR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS ON AUGUST 27, 1976, INDICATING THEIR EXPERTISE IN THE SPECIFIC FIELD, REFERENCES TO SIMILAR PROJECTS THEY HAVE COVERED, AND FACILITIES (ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND OTHERS) THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT. ASSOCIATIONS OF MORE THAN ONE FIRM ARE ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED THIS FACT IS INDICATED AND PARTNERS ARE IDENTIFIED. CENTROMIN AIMS AT SELECTING ABOUT SIX FIRMS OR CONSORTIA WHO WILL BE INVITED TO PRESENT PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS BY OCTOBER 1976. FINAL PROPOSAL WILL BE DUE BY MID-JANUARY 1977.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIRMS SELECTED TO PRESENT PROPOSALS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROCURE FINANCING FOR 100 PERCENT OF FOREIGN COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT AND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR LOCAL COMPONENT AS WELL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THE MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION IS REQUESTED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO INFORM SPECIALIZED CONSULTING FIRMS OF THIS PROSPECT.

INTERESTED PARTY SHOULD CONTACT:

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